

28. (New) A process according to claim 27, wherein the C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group is a methyl group on carbon 2 or carbon 5 of the backbone of formula c).

29. (New) A process according to claim 14, wherein the hard surface is a metal plate, and the concentration of compound is from 0.01 to 5 g/l.

30. (New) A process according to claim 14, the hard surface is a platform, and the concentration of compound is in the range from 0.01 to 10 g/l.

31. (New) A process according to claim 14, wherein the hard surface is an oil production well, and the concentration of compound is from 0.01 to 5 g/l.

#### REMARKS

The preliminary amendments are filed to comply with the claims structure and wording according to the United States Patent law. It is asserted that these amendments do not add new matter. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed.

New claims find basis as mentioned in the chart below:

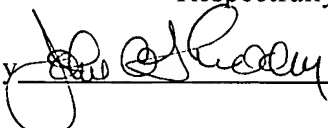
| New Claims | Basis                  |                      |
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Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

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